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March 20, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, 8, Missouri

The lecture course in Numismatics is now set up. It starts on September 29th and continues on through December for a series of 12 lectures. It will be from 7 to 9 p.m. every Wednesday night. As discussed with you at the P.M.G. Convention, would you please lecture on Colonial Currency. Can you send me three copies of your lecture within the next ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> weeks? I also need five glossy prints of yourself as well as five copies of your background. Not only will we receive publicity in the coin magazines but we need it for inclusion in the catalog for the university. I have scheduled you for November 10th. Is this convenient or would you prefer some other date? We are faced with the situation of setting up some type of schedule, and then if we have to juggle dates for the convenience of the out-of-towners, I will do so. At any rate, I must submit something to the university. My friend who is helping me in planning the courses, as well as technical details, was the president of a small university and knows the problems we will encounter. He has volunteered to go to Chicago to personally ask the president to send a personal letter to each of the lecturers. In fact, nothing is being spared to make this a top event in every respect. Miss Eva Adams has consented to follow Don Taxey. Taxey will lecture on the United States Mint from 1776 to 1826 and Miss Adams will go into the modern Mint. Amon Carter has consented to lecture on Currency and Nate Shapiro on odd and curious. If everything goes as I hope, I should have the thing put together by the end of the next two weeks and want to contact you again in going over the final program. The suggestion was made that the lectures ~~are~~ be used as a pattern for next year's course, as well as a potential textbook for the course. Mrs. Korwee suggested that the lectures be arranged to start for a half hour and then discussion for a half hour. A five minute break or so and then discussion again for 25 minutes after the lecture of 25 minutes. The testing will be handled by each of the lecturers making up three to five questions covering their lecture and then a paper written by each student on



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some phase of numismatics. Glen Smadley has consented to sit in and monitor each of the lectures. I expect to also have a tape recorder there. Perhaps you have additional ideas. I like your presentation as you make it <sup>planned</sup> ~~possible~~ not only to the beginner, but also to the advanced student. Here, of course, the problem is that we will have ~~none~~ collectors taking the course, and I hope each of the lecturers take this into consideration.

Sincerely,



Am. ~~Eric~~ <sup>Eric</sup> Newman

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## MEMORANDUM

May 7, 1965

TO Mr. Art Kagin

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Art:

Please change my topic to: AMERICAN COLONIAL PAPER MONEY.

I suggest you change the topic of Shapero, to correct English, to: ODD AND CURIOUS MEDIA OF EXCHANGE.

I suggest you change Taxay's topic to: HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MINT.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb



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May 11, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
P.O. Box 14040,  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

It is our desire to promote numismatics in the Chicago area not in a commercial manner but rather in an educational way. We have been thinking quite seriously along the lines of presenting a seminar or possibly just a single meeting on some basic facet of numismatics which would be open to the public at no charge. This meeting would have absolutely no commercial overtones and no coins will be shown, bought or sold.

Our entire interest in holding this forum would be from the standpoint of receiving a type of institutional advertising benefit so to speak, as we do want to be thought of as a company interested in the science and educational aspects of numismatics as well as just the commercial end. In other words, we want to put into Numismatics as much as we gain from it.

Naturally, one of the most interesting and controversial aspects of our industry—if we can call it that—is the science of grading, and we believe that this subject would be perfect for the purpose mentioned above. One of the topics that we would like to have discussed under the general heading of grading, would be discernment and identification of true Proof Coins as compared to the many "First Strikes" and "Proof-like" coins which are commonly being offered as true Proofs by many individuals and dealers alike, either fraudulently or unknowingly.

The other night at a meeting of the Chicago Coin Club, Mr. Glenn Smedley suggested your name as being an authority on this subject, and naturally having heard of your reputation ourselves, we could not help but agree. We would, therefore, consider it a great honor to have you as one of our featured speakers, if it would be at all possible. We would intend to hold the seminar or meeting at a time convenient to all and would also take care of your expenses. We are hoping you will be able to see your way clear to accepting this invitation and that we will hear from you shortly. Naturally, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have and if you would like to talk to us, please call us collect, Person to Person to the writer.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

GOLD STELLA COIN COMPANY

*Curtis A. Brook*  
C. A. Brook  
Director



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May 26, 1965

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14020 → Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
P.O. Box 14040  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are enclosing herein the letter which we wrote you on May 11th, 1965 and which was returned to us. Perhaps this was an oversight.

We would appreciate it very much if you would please advise us whether or not you would be interested in being our guest at this meeting.

Thanking You.

Very truly yours,

GOLD STELLA COIN COMPANY

*Curtis A. Brook/cm*  
C. A. Brook  
Director

CAB/cm

May 28, 1965

Mr. Curtis A. Brook, Director  
Gold Stella Coin Co.  
4620 W. Harrison Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60644

Dear Mr. Brook:

Your letter of May 11, 1965 and your letter of May 26, 1965 reached me, finally. It appears that it was mailed to Box 14040 instead of 14020.

You are very nice to ask me to be a speaker in the program you are organizing.

In March I spoke to the Educational Forum of the P.N.G., in Chicago, and I wonder if Chicago people have already had enough of me. I also plan to be a speaker at an educational course being developed at Roosevelt University, in Chicago, next winter. Under these circumstances, perhaps, you may feel that your audience has and will have adequate opportunity to be bored by me.

There are a few fundamental questions which I, naturally, would have, namely: How many do you propose to have in your audience? How many speakers would you have? For what length of time would you want the speakers to talk, and when?

I also feel that you should indicate whether the subject matter you are speaking of relates to modern proofs, namely, from 1936 on, or to all American coins.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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July 8, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

We have now completed the preliminary work on the lecture series and you are scheduled to speak on November 10th. The subject title will be "Colonial American Paper Money". Within the next few days you should receive a personal letter from the president of Roosevelt University confirming this date. If for any reason, you find it impossible or extremely inconvenient to lecture on this date, please advise me as soon as possible so that we can change dates with one of the other lecturers. You will be advised with details as we progress further in the planning stage.

Any ideas or suggestions you may make will receive our careful attention. It is only by contributions from outstanding numismatists such as you, that this course is possible. Your knowledge and experience will be of great assistance.

Sincerely,

*A. M. Kagin*

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July 16, 1965

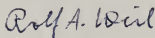
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

On behalf of Roosevelt University, I would like to invite you to participate, as guest lecturer, in our forthcoming course on numismatics. This course will consist of twenty-four lectures, to be given on consecutive Wednesday evenings 7 to 9 p.m., beginning September 29. Each lecture is to last one hour, and be followed by an hour discussion period. I understand that you have already discussed this matter with Mr. Arthur M. Kagin, and would be willing to speak on November 10; also that the title of your subject is "American Colonial Paper Money". If this is correct, and unless you have made other arrangements with Mr. Kagin, would you please submit to me a written copy of your lecture by no later than September 1. It is my desire to incorporate your paper, along with those of the other speakers, in a syllabus for the future use of the University.

There will be no prerequisite to attending any of these lectures, and I am confident that they will prove a great success.

Sincerely,



Rolf A. Weil  
Acting President

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July 23, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
P.O. Box 14040  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

First let me apologize for the very lengthy delay which has transpired since receiving your last letter of June 1st, 1965.

We have been spending some amount of time trying to work out the details so as to allow us to hold the proposed seminar, but unfortunately we have been unable to come up with a date on which all parties could agree, upon, prior to the Christmas rush, at which time we would find it impossible from the standpoint of our own manpower.

As a result we have decided at least for the present time to put off holding such a seminar and are hopeful that we may be able to hold one sometime next year. We certainly appreciate your interest and willingness to speak and will certainly contact you at the earliest opportunity as soon as we decide to go ahead with our plans.

Thanking you again and with best regards.

Very truly yours,

GOLD STELLA COIN COMPANY

*C. A. Brook*  
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Director

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August 20, 1965

Mr. Rolf A. Weil, Acting President  
Roosevelt University  
430 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

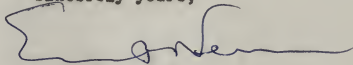
Dear Mr. Weil:

I plan to give a lecture on "American Colonial Paper Money" on November 10, 1965, in accordance with the arrangements which have been made between Mr. Arthur M. Kagin and you. It will be partially illustrated with slides in color.

You asked me to submit a written copy of my lecture by September 1, 1965. I have been quite busy writing a book on American Colonial paper money, and did not plan to write my lecture, particularly because it was partially illustrated. I have given many programs on this and other subjects previously, and would like to be excused from writing my lecture. I would, of course, be glad to give you an outline of the subject matter.

I think it will be much better for anybody interested in the field to study the book which I am writing on the subject, which will include a bibliography covering all phases of the subject matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric P. Newman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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September 13, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

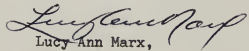
Dear Mr. Newman:

As we prepare for the Numismatics course, I wanted to make a final check with you concerning any materials or equipment you might need for your presentation. Enclosed you will find a return sheet; please indicate those items that you will need and return the sheet to me at your earliest convenience.

Please, also indicate on the enclosed sheet the date of your arrival in Chicago and your hotel. (You might enjoy staying at the Pick Congress which is directly across from Roosevelt University.)

I am looking forward to hearing your lecture in the Numismatics course. I would also like to invite you to have dinner with me and some of our faculty before your lecture. Again, if this is possible, will you please so indicate on the enclosed sheet.

With best wishes,

  
Lucy Ann Marx,  
Director

LAM/nb

Enclosure

September 13, 1965

Return Sheet

1. I will need the following equipment for my presentation

on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).

A. Slides

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

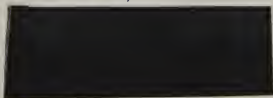
2. I will arrive in Chicago (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_

and depart (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (time) \_\_\_\_\_.

3. I plan to stay while in Chicago at the \_\_\_\_\_.

4. I will be free to have dinner prior to my lecture (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_.

*Max*





A. M. KAGIN



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September 14, 1965

Dr. Robert Ahrens, Vice-President of Roosevelt University attended the A.N.A. Convention as our guest. He spent two full days there and spoke at the Professional Numismatic Guild dinner with an audience of 172 people. He created quite a favorable reaction and the enthusiasm shown by the collectors there was overwhelming.

A meeting of the Roosevelt advisors and lecturers attending the A.N.A. Convention was held with Dr. Robert Ahrens presiding. Much useful information was obtained both by him and by us. He stated that if we could impart our enthusiasm to the students, we will have obtained the greater share of the object of our lecture. In fact, the intense enthusiasm of the people at the convention to him was the single most impressive feature. We will have another meeting sometime in January at Chicago to evaluate our first term. You will be notified later when this meeting will transpire.

The enclosed brochure was enthusiastically received. A medal in bronze will be issued for students at the size of the silver dollar. The reverse of the medal will be the insignia of the University as it appears on the brochure. The obverse will consist of busts of Franklin Roosevelt and Lincoln together with "1965-1966 Numismatic Lecture Series" and "Chicago, Illinois". This same medal in silver with a panel across the top with the name of each of the lecturers and advisors will be awarded to each respectively. A specimen in gold will also be struck for the start of the money museum in conjunction with the University. I would like the reaction of each of you regarding this medal. Do you wish a different device or a different arrangement or do you wish different wording? The medal will be engraved by Gilroy Roberts, who has recently retired as chief engraver of the United States Mint. It will be struck by the Franklin Mint in Philadelphia who produces top quality coin-medals and coins for foreign governments.

Dr. Robert O'Brien, our co-ordinator, has arranged for the use of the facilities of the University Club at Chicago. Those desiring to stay there when they come in for the lecture, please write me in advance so that this may be arranged.

Sincerely,

A. M. Kagin, Chairman



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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

October 20, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We have had a number of interesting ideas advanced to us in regard to expanding the Roosevelt Numismatic Educational program. Before contemplating such a move, it would be advisable that we consult with knowledgeable numismatists and your name has been suggested to us as eminently qualified in this capacity. Your experience as a lecturer, author, educator and research specialist would be of great help to us before we consider expanding our program. Would it be possible for you to have lunch with me the next time you are in Chicago?

It is indeed fortunate for numismatics that people of your caliber are willing to become involved for the advancement of numismatics.

Sincerely,



Lucy Ann Marx  
Director of the  
Division of Continuing Education  
and Extension

LAM/nb

October 26, 1965

Miss Lucy Ann Marx  
Director of the Division of  
Continuing Education and Extension  
Roosevelt University  
430 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Dear Miss Marx:

Thank you for your nice letter of  
October 20, 1965 with respect to your numismatic  
educational program.

Since the date for my lecture at Roosevelt  
University is set for the evening of November 10,  
I could see you that day.

I was asked to be a guest of the Univer-  
sity at supper, and with you asking me to lunch,  
that might be too much food for thought.

If you really need me I could meet you  
at noon on that day.

Please let me know your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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## NUMISMATIC LIBRARY PROJECT

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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We are looking forward to your lecture on "American Colonial Paper Money" this coming wednesday, November 10. I will be among those having dinner with you prior to your presentation.

If you plan to be in town the evening of Tuesday, November 9, or the evening of Thursday, November 11, my wife and I would like to be your hosts on one of these days. Since I am one of the course advisors and representative of both P.N.G. and the C.C.C., there may be many things we may discuss.

The C.C.C. is having their regular monthly meeting the evening of your lecture and will be held directly afterwards. Will you be our guest?

Sincerely,



Philip J. More, President  
Chicago Coin Club

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PROPOSAL TO BEGIN

THE PROGRAM IN NUMISMATICS STUDIES

I. Budget

II. Curriculum

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What do you think? Is this reasonable or  
what? Maybe we can use part of it. I told  
vice-president Ahrens I Connor make any  
commitment but will take up the matter  
at the meeting of lecturers & advisors Jan 9th.  
Can you make it Jan 9th? Otherwise  
I'll change date. Essential you be there  
"professor". You must have mesmerized them  
as they have the highest regard for you.

November 8, 1965

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THE PROGRAM IN NUMISMATIC STUDIES

## I.

Initial Budget

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Needed By</u>
\$ 100,000.	Commitment to Development Fund.	December 10 1965
2,500,000.	Acquisition of the Fine Arts Building, adjacent to Roosevelt University, for immediate use to house the Program in Numismatics Studies and as the site of future Roosevelt University buildings including the future graduate level Institute in Numismatic Studies.	*
150,000.	Completion of Development Fund for implementation of Curriculum, Administrative Support of the Program and Instructional Personnel.	*
100,000.	Toward development of a continuing education program in Numismatics for the general public and to achieve public understanding and support of this field and efforts to enhance its stature.	*
1,000,000	<sup>1</sup> Toward construction of a library which will house the Money Museum of the Institute of Numismatics Studies.	*
250,000.	To supplement library holdings in Numismatics and its related and supporting fields.	*
750,000.	Toward establishment of an endowed chair in Numismatics.	*
750,000.	Endowment Fund to bring visiting scholars to the Program of Numismatic Studies.	*
\$5,600,000.	TOTAL	*

<sup>1</sup> Further financing by government loans and grants.

\* To be determined

## II.

Curriculum

This announcement would appear as follows in the Catalog of the College of Arts and Sciences for programs effective in the fall semester, 1966.

Introduction

The Program in Numismatic Studies is designed to meet the needs of students who would like to secure knowledge and appreciation of Numismatics as a field of concentration. A minor sequence is offered for students who wish to satisfy their interest in Numismatics while securing competence in a specific subject-matter field. Students who wish to take either sequence should consult the Director of the Program in Numismatic Studies. Students taking the minor sequence must secure prior approval of their major department.

The Major in Numismatic Studies

In addition to the general degree requirements for all students listed on pages 29 and 30 of the current catalog, the student who seeks to major in Numismatic Studies will complete the following:

1. Prerequisite Courses

Economics 203.	European History, or
Economics 130.	Economic History of the United States
Economics 210.	Money and Banking
Sociology 201.	Introduction to Anthropology

2. Sequence Courses

History 200.	The Ancient World
History 201.	Medieval Europe
History 202.	The Renaissance and the Reformation, or
History 250.	The Colonial Period of American History
History 203.	Modern Europe from Absolutism to Revolution, or
History 251.	Jefferson, Hamilton, and Jackson
Culture Studies 301.	Greek and Roman Civilization
Art 201.	Ancient and Medieval Art
Numismatics 200.	Introduction to Numismatics
Numismatics 220.	Epochs in the History of Numismatics
Numismatics 301.	Bibliography and Methods of Numismatic Studies

The Major in Numismatic Studies (Cont'd)One of the following seminars:

Numismatics 390 to 399. Problems in Numismatic Studies. A detailed study of a significant period or movement in the history of numismatics, or of a specific important region in the field of numismatics. The topics chosen for study will vary from semester to semester.

No course in which the student receives a grade lower than a "C" will be counted as fulfilling the sequence requirements.

3. Evidence of linguistic competence in Latin on the fourth-semester college level, or in Greek on the second-semester college level. *Hebrew too*
4. Before the close of the senior year, the student must also complete the following requirements:
  - a) Submit a satisfactory research paper prepared under the direction of a member of the Committee on Numismatic Studies;
  - b) Pass an oral examination administered by the Committee on Numismatic Studies.

The Minor in Numismatic Studies

With the approval of their major department and in consultation with the Committee on Numismatics, students may present the following group of courses for a minor in Numismatic Studies: Economics 120 or 203; two courses in History selected from the list for majors; Culture Studies 301 or Art 201; two courses in Numismatics selected in consultation with the Committee on Numismatic Studies.

November 24, 1965

Mr. Art Kagin  
400 Royal Union Blvd.  
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Art:

I received your note written on Roosevelt University's "Proposal to begin the program in numismatic studies."

You inquired whether January 9, 1966 can be set as a date for meeting of lecturers and advisers. I feel that any such group would feel that such a meeting would be premature before two things are accomplished; (1) an evaluation by an educator (perhaps Dr. Marx), of the course as it was given this fall and (2) suggestions and comments by the students who took the course.

I, personally, would like to know who in the advisory group have shown any interest in the matter, who of the P.N.G. are helping in the planning other than yourself, and where is the \$100,000 going to come from.

May I hear from you on these matters.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
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CC:  
Dr. Lucy Marx  
Roosevelt University  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
Department of Classical Studies  
Ann Arbor

December 12, 1965

Mr. Arthur M. Magin  
Rollinbeck Coin Co.  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Magin,

I've been thinking over your project for an Institute of Archaeology and Numismatics at Roosevelt University, without having been able to come up with many exciting ideas. If the money necessary is not a question at this point, you will still have to find several competent and reputable professorial types to do the actual teaching. An absolute minimum of three --- a Greek Archaeologist, a Roman Archaeologist, and a Numismatist --- the each of these fields is so vast that it should best be broken down. Each ought to have available a collection of his own kind of material for teaching purposes, and of course a proper library for research. Without getting back to the problem of expense, it would take several years of effort to build these up properly.

But the men are the hardest to find. I think one of the sad things about the great growth in interest in numismatics over the past decade is that it has not been matched by a proportionate growth in serious numismatic study. Publications abound, but they mostly offer rehashes of what has already been discovered, or trivia, like recut dates on U.S. dimes. Your Institute of course would be one answer to the problem, but it will have to be staffed by men of experience and learning, not just enthusiasts. The competition for good men is today very keen in the academic market, and I would urge you to work on that problem with all urgency. Otherwise the posts will be filled by individuals eager to teach but of no particular qualifications.

Yours sincerely,

T. V. Buttrey

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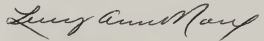
We have taken up your suggestion for an evaluation of the semester's course in Numismatics. A questionnaire was given to each student last week and I am still receiving and tabulating answers. I will try to get a statement together for you by the end of next week.

Thanks so much for the information on the summer school program in St. Louis. We're trying to work out something similar here through our Reading Institute. If we come up with anything good, I'll send the information on to your Board.

Mr. Kagin tells me that we'll be having lots of company around here on February 5th and 6th. Professor Hooker has asked me to tell you that he hopes the two of you will have time for a chat during that visit.

Many good wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Lucy Ann Marx  
Director

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After talking to you I called around and it looks like the date for the meeting in Chicago will be February 5th starting at 1:00 p.m. and lasting through the afternoon and possibly evening. If there is any carry-over, it will be on February 6th, Sunday. I know some of the members may have difficulty arriving by 1:00 but I thought preliminary discussion could start at that time and the more important phases be discussed late in the afternoon or possibly even Saturday evening. At any rate, the reason for February 5th is that Margo Russell is speaking at Georgia State Convention and I feel that what she contributes to the discussion would be quite valuable. Dr. Judd said to state a date and he would try to make it. The only one so far that could not make the February 5th date are the Norwebs. No matter what date we pick, someone will not be able to make it.

Dr. Marx said that she would have an analysis of the first lecture series by the students and also one by the staff of Roosevelt in your hands shortly, if she has not already done so.

I've indicated to Leo Young, president of PNG that I believe it is time for the PNG to move over and allow the course to be co-sponsored by PNG and ANA. He didn't compliment either way but I believe it would be acceptable to PNG. I feel it is time for me to relinquish control of the program and that people who are better versed in education take over more responsibility. The University realizes the importance of our program and I believe would be amenable to almost anything we suggest. Frankly, I'm counting on you and your ideas. I am enclosing a copy of the letter received from Dr. Buttrey I do not think we should go into the archaeology end of it at this stage so therefore his suggestion of a Greek and Roman archaeologist need not be contemplated at this time. Possibly later, after we initiate our program. His comment about qualified teachers is well taken. I have contacted Vernon Sheldon to take a part in the program but after talking to him and his wife I did not press the matter. Evidently he is not a well man and does not want to undertake the obligations. Admiral Dodson has moved back to Champaign



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Cont., Mr. Eric P Newman

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December 27, 1965

Urbana and I don't know how practical it would be for him to commute. The same problem, but possibly to an even greater degree would be encountered with Dr. Davenport. Possibly Charles Rickard, auditor of the Lakeshore National Bank might help solve the problem as he is lecturing on "Classical Mythology in Ancient Greek Coinage", I don't know the man, other than he was recommended by Philip More and Margo Russell. Undoubtedly there must be qualified people around greater Chicago but it will take a lot of searching to find them.

I feel Walter Breen would be the answer to many of our problems as he will be leaving California next year when he finishes. I had thought in terms of making him curator of the contemplated Money Museum. Whether he could be used as an instructor or not is problematical, I don't know how important an "image" is to the University. At any rate, think about it.

Sincerely,

*art*

A. M. Kagin

AK:cr

Enc: cc of Buttrey letter

*Professor Maffett is now on advisee for us. He is returning from Hunter College in January (his 67), He'll attend the Conference.*



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December 27, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

On behalf of Roosevelt University, may I thank you for your contribution to our lecture series in Numismatics. From the comments of our students and faculty, it seems that our first course was most successful.

We are planning now for our spring lecture series in Numismatics and hope to develop for next fall, a degree program in Numismatic Studies. We will, I am sure, need your advice and counsel as we proceed.

Thank you again for your presentation. We look forward to your next visit to Roosevelt University.

Sincerely yours,



Rolf A. Weil  
Acting President

RAW/jr

January 3, 1966

Mr. Art Kegin  
Hollinbeck Coin Company  
400 Royal Union Bldg.  
Des Moines 9, Iowa

Dear Art:

Thank you for your letter of December 27, 1965. The date of February 5 is held in reserve on my calendar.

I do want an indication as to who is going to come. I am glad that Margo Russell is coming, and Dr. Mabbot.

I am looking forward to a digest on the commentary by the students and the faculty.

A Very Happy New Year to you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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TO ALL ADVISORS AND LECTURERS OF THE  
 ROOSEVELT NUMISMATIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

There will be a meeting in Chicago at Roosevelt University starting 1:00 p.m. on February 5th and going through the afternoon and possibly evening. Any unfinished business we be then continued the next morning February 6th. This meeting will evaluate the first term lecturers as well as the reaction of the staff of Roosevelt University. We will also have available the comments and criticism of the students involved. We are hoping that this evaluation will help us in our second term which starts February 16th extending through the end of May.

At my request, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Otto Wirth has drawn up a proposed B. A. degree in numismatics. The university has been most co-operative and we are now presented with a unique opportunity in numismatics. It is now necessary that the base of the program be broadened and that much of the work must be done by the university itself as well as numismatists in the Chicago area and on a national scale. In addition to Admiral Dodson, Dr. Davenport and other academicians, Dr. Ted Weissbuch and Professor Mabbot of New York <sup>has</sup> been added to the list of advisors.

I've also written the ANA that it is time for the PNG to move over and allow the ANA to co-sponsor the course. The broader the base the better the program. This program can be vast in concept and far reaching in importance, if we want it so. I know it will be an imposition for many of you to attend this meeting however I believe the meeting is necessary before we proceed further. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Art Kagin*

Arthur M. Kagin, Chairman  
 Roosevelt University Numis-  
 matic Educational Program

*Coming - confirmed to date 11/10/66  
 Prof Mabbot & Davenport  
 Dr. Judd  
 Mary Russell  
 John Pittman  
 O'Brien*



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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 12, 1966


Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Attached is a compilation of the students' evaluation and a copy of the questionnaire distributed. You will also find an evaluation of the course by Dr. Wirth, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and my own evaluation with an additional comment from Mr. Ahrens, Vice President of Roosevelt University.

With best wishes for a happy new year.

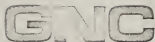
Sincerely,



Lucy Ann Marx  
Director

LAM/nb

Atc:



GENERAL NUMISMATICS CORPORATION PENN STREET AND INDUSTRIAL DRIVE • YEADON, PENNSYLVANIA 19051, U.S.A.

February 8, 1966

Mr. Arthur M. Kagin  
Hollinbeck Kagin Coin Co.  
Royal Union Building  
Des Moines 9, Iowa

Dear Art:

You will probably want to throw me off the committee after hearing the following comments, but I feel these things need to be said and considered.

I believe that the current lecture series at Roosevelt University is a marvelous experiment in numismatic education. You are to be highly commended for initiating it and nurturing it. This first humble step can certainly lead, in due course, to the broad numismatic education program we would all like to see.

But I object -- object strongly -- to the tactics being used by the Roosevelt University people to attempt to transform this program, practically overnight, into a huge money machine for the university with little regard for the best interests of the numismatic fraternity. There was so much emphasis on dreams and miracles at our meeting on Saturday that for a while, I thought I was listening to a couple of "Medicine Men" rather than distinguished educators.

In my opinion, this lecture series should be the embryo of a basic course in numismatics. This basic course could eventually be expanded into several courses and ultimately into a broad program of numismatic studies leading to a degree in numismatics. But, this cannot be properly done in a few months, perhaps not even a few years. A lot of money would speed up the process. But, the more you try to speed up a program like this, the more money will be wasted, almost in geometric proportion.

I feel we ought to be patient and work toward the achievement of our objectives in an economical and practical manner. Don't think we should allow ourselves to be high pressured by Roosevelt University -- or any university -- to raise a huge sum of money without a sound plan and a realistic timetable.

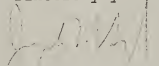
I also think that if we eventually do work toward raising the kind of money proposed, we owe it to the contributors to evaluate the University to which this money will be given. Roosevelt University was a good place to start the lecture series, perhaps the best place, considering its central location. But, let's face it, you know and I know that it is not a top-rated educational institution. It's far below that level.

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For the kind of money the Roosevelt University people are talking about, I think we could do a lot better. They want \$100,000 just as a "token contribution" to get the program started on an endowment basis. With a fund of that size, we could probably develop a fine numismatic course and get it offered at a number of top-rated universities all over the country. To me, making the course available to as many students as possible is much more important than endowing any single university. Then, when they talk about \$5,000,000 as the eventual goal -- well, if we could raise that much money for numismatic education, which I seriously doubt, we could probably put numismatics in the curriculum of nearly every major college in the country. To suggest that we contribute that large a sum to a single university is ridiculous.

You have appointed a Ways & Means Committee, ostensibly for the primary purpose of determining whether or not it is feasible to raise the first \$100,000 requested by Roosevelt University by September. I respectfully suggest that this committee first address itself to an evaluation of the entire program and to the development of a sounder plan and more realistic timetable than that proposed by the Roosevelt University people.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph M. Segel  
President

JMS/jaz

CC: Admiral O. H. Dodson  
Professor John S. Davenport  
Dr. J. Hewitt Judd  
Eric P. Newman

ROOSEVELT  
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430 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO 5, ILLINOIS

February 22, 1966

TELEPHONE  
WABASH 2-3560

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

On behalf of Roosevelt University I would like to express our appreciation for your time and substantial contribution to the success of the numismatics course that was offered this past fall semester.

We feel that the course was highly successful and that the students were enriched by the experiences they had during the course. As you know, our own evaluation of the course, conducted by Dean Otto Wirth, indicated that the course was of very high calibre. We feel that we are making a genuine contribution to higher education in offering a course in numismatics.

Without your talents and your service it would not have been possible to offer the course. We are grateful.

Sincerely yours,

*R. A. Weil*

Rolf A. Weil  
Acting President



## MEMORANDUM

April 5, 1966

TO Mr. Art Kagin

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Art:

You mentioned the formation of a new corporation to hold the money in connection with the Roosevelt University educational project.

I call your attention to the fact that while the professionals in the coin business will have no difficulty deducting their gifts as business expenses, private people must do so as a charity.

In order to get a letter of clearance for a new corporation, it usually takes over a year before the charity is qualified for deductability. For this reason it might be wise to have the money given to Roosevelt and to have Roosevelt restrict it as to its use for the purposes intended, or to solve the matter in some other way.

Will you have this matter considered by those doing the legal work on behalf of the project.

Sincerely,

EPN/stb

*Memo From —*

**A. M. KAGIN**

Hollinbeck-Kagin Coin Co.

400 Royal Union Building — Des Moines, Iowa 50309

April 8, 1966

Dear Eric:

I'm quite pleased with everything so far. I've an appointment with the president of the Chicago Bank & Trust this coming week. Hope he is the key to the bankers. Harold Klein attended the dinner for Dr. Leland Howard but he doesn't appear to be the key I need. Will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Art

Memo From -

A. M. KAGIN

Hollinbeck-Kagin Coin Co.

400 Royal Union Building — Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear Eric:

7/22/66

President Neil of Roosevelt  
can make the Aug 15th date  
but not any later. I believe  
the presentation of this medal to  
you sufficiently important that  
outstanding educators & others have  
been invited to witness this —  
what I believe to be the most important  
event in years to raise the level  
of numismatics. Believe me, we who  
are professionals realize the impact  
you have made in this field. It is  
important that this receive proper  
publicity so that others will follow rather  
than constantly rehashing inconsequential  
matters or repeating errors.

The meeting of the lecturers & advisors  
of Roosevelt Num. ed. program will be  
at 8 P.M. Aug 16th. Another meeting will  
be later in the week — probably 5 or 6 of us  
(including you) to discuss the larger  
aim of higher numismatic education in the U.S.  
Sincerely,  
AK



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July 22, 1966

Mr. Eric F. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, Missouri

It is my privilege to inform you that the ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY gold medal for the ADVANCEMENT OF THE SCIENCE OF NUMISMATICS has been awarded to you. This medal will be presented at the banquet of the Professional Numismatic Guild at 8 P.M. on August 15th at the Pick-Congress Hotel. The banquet will be preceded by a cocktail hour at 7 P.M. Dr. Rolf A. Weil, president of Roosevelt University will make the Presentation.

You have indeed helped numismatics take a giant step forward to its proper place on a University level. Your research, writing and lecturing have helped set the standard which we hope others will emulate.

The Professional Numismatic Guild, President Weil and I look forward to your presence.

Sincerely,

Arthur M. Kagin  
Executive Chairman,  
Roosevelt University Numismatic  
Education Program

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

July 26, 1966

Mr. Arthur M. Kagin  
400 Royal Union Bldg.  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Arthur:

Your letter of July 22, 1966 was a pleasant surprise. The Roosevelt University Gold Medal for the Advancement of the Science of Numismatics is one which I will be most pleased to accept.

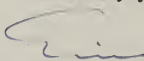
I realize that the Professional Numismatic Guild and you, in particular, contributed an immense amount of work and financial backing to see that the Roosevelt University numismatic courses were established and I am glad to have had a part in it. I certainly feel that this medal is given to me as a tribute to all of those who actively participated in the program.

Since you cannot postpone the presentation, I will come up for the evening of August 15, return to St. Louis, and then come back later in the week for the convention.

Would you advise me whether you want me to say anything at the PNG banquet other than to express my appreciation for what PNG and Roosevelt University accomplished together. I might also say a few words on how exciting research is. Perhaps, however, you have an extensive program and brevity is the order of the evening.

Thank you, again, for your thoughtfulness and the exaggerated praise which you have given my work.

Sincerely yours,



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TO ALL LECTURERS AND ADVISORS OF THE  
ROOSEVELT NUMISMATIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

July 27, 1966

Dear Eric,

The silver medal, (with your name engraved), for the ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY NUMISMATIC EDUCATION PROGRAM will be presented to you at the PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATIC GUILD banquet by the President of ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY on Monday, August 15th at 9 P.M. at the Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago. The medal was designed by Gilroy Roberts who also designed the Kennedy half dollar. It is indeed a work of art. The medal was struck by the Franklin Mint under the direction of its president, Joseph M. Segel. Both Mr. Roberts and Mr. Segel will be present at the banquet. You are invited to attend the banquet as a guest of the PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATIC GUILD. Please return the enclosed card so that we may know if you will attend.

Leo A. Young, President of the P.N.G., will present a GOLD ROOSEVELT medal to university president Rolf A. Weill, who will accept it for ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY as the inauguration of the ROOSEVELT U. MONEY MUSEUM.

University president Weill will award the other GOLD medal to ERIC P. NEWMAN in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of the SCIENCE OF NUMISMATICS.

Tuesday, August 16th, at the Pick-Congress, 3 P.M. (see me or Leo Young about meeting room) there will be a conference of the lecturers and advisors of the ROOSEVELT U. NUMISMATIC PROGRAM regarding the past year's activities and the coming program. Those who are unable to attend the banquet to receive their silver medal can receive them at this meeting. In the event you do not attend the A.N.A. convention, the medal will be mailed to you.

Sincerely,

*Art Kagin*

Arthur M. Kagin, Executive Chairman  
Roosevelt University Numismatic Program

AK:cr

Invitation includes Mr. Newman.

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Letter follows re - your speech.



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July 29, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

The thought occurred to me that it would be a wonderful opportunity if you wrote your acceptance speech in the form of an article possibly entitled "Numismatics As A Science". This article could then be published. You could then take excerpts from the article (plus any additions you want to make). It is important that the "tone" of numismatics be aimed at research such as yours and not a constant repetition of what has already been done. Your idea about how exciting research is, is excellent.

Your message will be the high point of the evening, so brevity will not be in order for you. In fact, even if you took half an hour, I believe your message will be of greater import than that of any other speakers.

Sincerely,

A. M. KAGIN

AK:cb



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August 23, 1966

Mr. Arthur M. Kagin  
Executive Chairman of Roosevelt University  
Numismatic Program  
400 Royal Union Bldg.  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Art:

I wish to re-express my thanks to the Professional Numismatists Guild and to Roosevelt University for their award to me of the Gold Medal for the Advancement of the Science of Numismatics. I will continue to try to justify this honor and appreciate the helpfulness of all of you in the work which I undertake. May I join you in the wish that more of our fellow numismatists will get the pleasure and satisfaction from research and writing in our exciting field.

I think the symbolic presentation was probably all I deserved but when the medal is completed I will take great pride in having it.

Cordially,



ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

CC: Mr. Leo H. Young  
3244 Grand Avenue  
Oakland, Calif. 94609

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# ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

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September 9, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P. O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Mo. 63178

Dear Colleague:

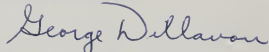
I apologize for the dittoed letter, and I hope that you will realize that at this time of year university administrators are extremely pushed for time because the fall semester is about to begin.

I am enclosing the brochure that describes our fall program in numismatics. I think it is one of the most attractive brochures that I have ever seen. I hope you will agree.

All of us at Roosevelt University who have worked with the numismatics program are grateful to you for the counseling and the time that you have given in the past year to our educational program. Because of this past kindness, I feel confident that you will respond generously again if we need your help and advice. All of us are interested in promoting numismatics as a field of academic study, and we feel that we have made a good start in this direction.

If I can be of any service to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Cordially yours,



George J. Dillavou  
Director  
Division of Continuing Education  
and Extension

WJD:clb  
Enclosure 1

REPORT ON ROOSEVELT NUMISMATIC COURSE - OCT. 6

George Dillavou, Director of Continuing Education called me September 27th stating that only two were registered for the Numismatic Course. He felt that it would not be advisable to bring in the Steffanellis for the Seminar under the circumstances. I agreed but asked him to not inform the Steffanellis until Thursday, the 29th as perhaps the situation might change. I called Leo Young but his assistant advised me Leo was away and could not be reached. I gave the message to Leo's assistant. The evening of the 29th I called Dillavou from San Antonio [REDACTED]. There were only two additional registrations making a total of two for credit and two for non-credit. Dillavou had talked to Pettit, Dreiske, Smedley, Dean Wirth and others. The Steffanellis were disappointed. I talked with Dillavou again the evening of October 3rd, but there were no additional registrations.

Even tho Roosevelt University had a large sign over their main entrance announcing the course and made up thousands of attractive brochures, the students just weren't interested. I had thought that displaying the Moskowitz collection inside the University would help convince the teaching staff and the students that Numismatics was a worthy field but evidently this wasn't enough: UNLESS THE TEACHERS RECOMMEND THE COURSE FOR "ENRICHMENT" OR ADDITIONAL STUDY FOR HISTORY, ECONOMICS, SOCIOLOGY, ETCETERA THE PUPILS WILL NOT TAKE IT! They will not gamble on a new course unless it is recommended, even if a full or partial scholarship is provided. How to convince the teachers that the course is worthwhile is the problem. I thought Dr. Otto Wirth, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, could convince the teachers but evidently this has not been accomplished. Dr. RoIf Weil, President of Roosevelt has been informed of the situation by Dillavou.

If enough students can be obtained, perhaps the course could still be offered now by having two of the classes some evenings. If this cannot be accomplished, then perhaps the course will have to start the second semester, provided the cooperation of the teaching staff of Roosevelt is obtained. An announcement could be given out that the course had to be delayed due to technical difficulties.

Arthur M. Kagin  
400 Royal Union Bldg.  
Des Moines, Iowa

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 12, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
P.O. Box 14020  
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

I just received in the mail from Arthur Kagin, a copy of your book, The Fantastic 1804 Dollar. This is indeed a most impressive and scholarly publication and I shall ask that it be catalogued in the library. Mrs. Weil and I very much enjoyed meeting you last spring and certainly hope to have an opportunity to see you again.

Roosevelt University is maintaining its interest in numismatics as an important auxiliary field to the study of many of our academic subjects. We certainly hope to have a closer tie to the many scholars in the field of numismatics. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,



Rolf A. Weil  
President

RAW:ejp  
CC: Mr. Arthur Kagin  
Mr. George Dillavou

*Eric*  
Dear Mr. —

Enclosed is a letter we are sending to those who have consented to deliver a lecture during the first semester in the Numismatics Course which will be offered at Roosevelt University.

This is a new departure in our country. We need every bit of help we can get to make certain that the lectures will be coordinated and that they will cover the entire field in a comprehensive, but not haphazard manner.

A list of the lecturers and the subjects they have been assigned, or have chosen is included.

Please let us have your suggestions and criticisms. This is a joint venture. Since it is so new, none of us feel that we are in a position to dictate methods and policies. More than that, our ultimate aim is the establishment of a chair or even a department of Numismatics in some university, Roosevelt if they will accept, since this university was gracious enough to make this course possible. If not, in some other accredited institution.

No one has a monopoly on knowledge, and this is particularly true in the field of Numismatics. If even Franklin's dictum that everybody was wiser than anybody, were true, it is in this venture.

Please submit your criticisms and suggestions.

With kindest personal regards,

*Or Kag*

Dear Mr.

Thank you for accepting the invitation to deliver a lecture at Roosevelt University, during the first semester of the 1965--6 academic year, for the Numismatics Course. The lectures will be delivered on Wednesday evening of each week, at 7-9 p.m.

Since each lecture will be given by a different specialist in Numismatics, it is necessary that we co-ordinate the lectures, to prevent over-lapping, and to insure that a comprehensive introduction to the field of Numismatics is presented.

The aim of the course is to acquaint the student with the entire field of numismatics, ancient and modern, and, as far as possible, to cover the coinage of all nations in modern times. This of course, will include all forms of currency, specie and paper money, and even more primitive forms of exchange. The enclosed list of lecturers with their subjects, will acquaint you with the subjects to be discussed. You can adjust your lecture within this framework. Do not be reluctant to make your lecture technical. This is by no means planned as a hasty, abbreviated, "snap" course. Many of your auditors will be collectors of some experience, and will be prepared for detailed and scholarly presentation of facts. On the other hand, many will be university students, and some who have had little experience in the field. The objective is to show the vastness and complexity of the field and to invite specialization in some segment of numismatics.

Each class session will consist of two parts. The first half will be the lecture. We hope that each of you will furnish a copy of your lecture, before or after delivery, since we contemplate publishing these in book form as an introduction to Numismatics. If you do not plan to use or have a written copy of your lecture, let us know and we will have the lecture recorded, transcribed and edited; if you wish to do the editing yourself, we will, of course, be most happy. Otherwise, it will be edited by the coordinators of the project.

The second half of the class session will follow a short break or rest period of five to ten minutes. The students in this part of the class session will be given an opportunity to ask questions. These will be written and given to the speaker or an assistant who will eliminate duplications, and condense the questions as far as possible to expedite the speaker's use of time.

We anticipate a most productive series of lectures and hope that these may be the beginning of much more comprehensive and detailed courses in Numismatics, not only at Roosevelt University, but in other colleges and Universities. This idea is not a new departure, for in Europe, Numismatics in some form or another has long been a part of the curriculum in History, economics and other related subjects. We join you, as pioneers in this project with every hope for success and with every good wish.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, I would like to invite you to participate, as guest lecturer, in our forthcoming course on Mathematics. This course will consist of twenty-four lectures, to be given on consecutive Wednesday evenings 7 to 9:00 p.m., beginning September 29. Each lecture is to last one hour, and be followed by an hour question period. I understand that you have already discussed this matter with Mr. Arthur M. Hagin, and would be willing to speak on \_\_\_\_\_; also that the title of your subject is \_\_\_\_\_. If this is correct, and unless you have made other arrangements with Mr. Hagin, would you please submit to me a written copy of your lecture by no later than \_\_\_\_\_. It is my desire to incorporate your paper, along with those of the other speakers, in a syllabus for the future use of the university.

There will be no prerequisite to attending any of these lectures, and I am confident that they will prove a great success.

*Signed by President  
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Numismatics -- The Story of Civilization:  
An Evaluation by Otto Wirth,  
Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

In response to the request for an evaluation of Numismatics -- The Story of Civilization which was offered by the Division of Continuing Education during the fall term, I am happy to submit my assessment of the course.

1. I judge the course to have achieved its objective: "to appeal to both the collector and non-collector as a liberal arts course rather than one of a highly technical nature." The lectures opened new vistas to the students and transcended the narrow viewpoint of a mere hobby.
2. The course fulfilled the important task of presenting the vast panorama of numismatic studies, and as a first attempt at numismatics it was a success. The real value of a "first course" lies not in the immediate accomplishments which can be identified and measured, but in the aid that such a course renders in the determination of procedures and patterns for future offerings. The course had all the advantages and some of the disadvantages inherent in "survey" courses. The range was vast and the integrative momentum was small. Though the individual lectures were lucid and well prepared, they need to be more forcefully interrelated to achieve a better structure for the course as an entity.
3. The interest and the efforts of the participants were commendable, especially on the part of those students who took the course for credit. The papers which they submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for Culture Studies 299 were above average and gave every indication that the academic objectives of the course are capable of achievement. The papers dealt with a variety of topics, such as, "The monies of Monaco", "Animals Depicted on Coins Through the Ages", "The United States Silver Certificates", and "The Free Silver Movement and the Election of 1896". In these papers the students did not deal with coins and currencies in isolation, or in a mere statistical and chronological approach, but they illustrated quite well the intimate relationships that existed between coins and currency of a nation/ or nations and the political, economic and social conditions as well as the cultural climate prevailing at the time.
4. My colleagues concur in my conclusion that the course demonstrated the feasibility of a Program in Numismatics Studies on the undergraduate level which will aid the students not only in exploring more fully the world of numismatics, but in arriving at a better understanding of the "several worlds" of which he is a part.



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EVALUATION

Please answer the following questions and return this form to class December 15. Do not sign the evaluation sheet.

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| 1) Did you take this course for credit?  | Yes | No |
| 2) Did you find the course helpful? If so, how?<br>If not, why not? (Write answer in space provided)                   |     |    |
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| 3) Have you read the bibliography?<br>If not, Why not?   | Yes | No |
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| 4) Do you have suggestions to make as to format (length of<br>lecture, discussion period, etc.)                        |     |    |
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| 5) What is your general evaluation of the course? Please add to<br>this answer any general suggestions you might have. |     |    |

## Numismatics --- The Story of Civilization

An evaluation by Lucy Ann Marx  
Director of the Division of Continuing Education and Extension

In attempting to evaluate the past semester's course in Numismatics, I first recalled the general objectives of the course:

1. to make a unique contribution to the liberal education of students
2. to provide, for students, an introduction into the field of numismatic studies.

I am convinced that these general objectives were met in particular ways: through the carefully prepared lecture presentations which, in each case, seemed to strive for an integration of disciplines and through the discussion periods following each presentation.

The presentations were, on a whole, exceptionally fine, the discussions were lively and to the point, and the whole tone of the course was one of informal and pleasant inquiry.

The course was more than an adequate beginning, but for more serious study, the need for greater continuity and integration of topics will have to be met. If you will forgive a lapse into "Pedagogese", we presented a lecture series and called it a course. As a lecture series it was outstanding, as a course it needed a more rigorous structuring of topics and a more apparent plan of continuous study. This however, would require a faculty member well versed in Numismatics who could create an appropriate curriculum. Such a curriculum could, I believe contribute significantly to the general education of our students.

Robert Ahrens, Vice President of Roosevelt University, said of the course that "an impact has been made on the faculty of the University and, to a certain but lesser extent, on the community that Numismatics can be a serious study treated in a serious fashion by responsible academicians".

I agree completely with Mr. Ahren's assesment.

## Numismatics -- The Story of Civilization

### Compilation of Students' Evaluation

1. Number of students registered (non-credit) ..... 37  
Number of students registered (credit) ..... 6  
Number of students attending individual evening tickets ..... 9
2. Students felt that the course was generally helpful. At least 75% of the students commented on the excellence of the lecturers, the general focus of the course, and the level of participation.
3. Seventy per cent of the students indicated that they had used the bibliography prepared for the course. Five students reported that they had duplicated the bibliography and distributed it to their coin clubs. One student, a high school history teacher, stated that he was using the bibliography in his classroom.
4. Suggestions for format changes were for longer discussion periods, more written material for students, and a change of class time from 2 to 2½ hours. The class format seemed satisfactory.
5. The "general evaluation" was that the course was excellent. Suggestions included requests for more "in depth" study of certain aspects of numismatics, more opportunity for follow through from one session to the next and a stronger co-ordination of topics to be covered.

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